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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Kiesha L. Rose	2822	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/17/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9,14 and 17-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9,14 and 17-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 17 February 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5,7-8,14 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Acovic et al. (U.S. Patent 5,411,905)

Acovic discloses an EEPROM (Figs. 2 and 3) which contain a substrate, an insulating layer (10) formed on substrate that comprises a buried oxide layer, a silicon fin structure (12) formed on the insulating layer and having a first and second side surface, a first polysilicon spacer (22) formed adjacent to the first side surface and acting as a first floating gate, a second polysilicon spacer (22) formed adjacent to the second side surface and acting as a second floating gate, a gate dielectric layer (24) formed on the first and second spacer and the top of the fin structure, a first gate (26) formed on the right side of the fin) formed on the insulating layer and disposed on the first side of the fin and a second gate (26) formed on the left side of the fin) formed on the second side of the fin and electrically isolated from each other and are

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programmed independently of each other, an oxide layer (20) formed on the first and second side surfaces of the fin and acting as a tunnel oxide layer with a width of 70 Angstroms, source and drain regions (Fig. 3) formed on insulating layer and disposed adjacent to the first and second side of the fin structure and a nitride/oxide dielectric cap (14/16) formed over a top surface of the fin structure.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6,9 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Acovic.

Acovic discloses all the limitations except for the width ranges of the first and second spacers and fin. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the width of the oxide layer to be 10-100Å, the first and second spacers width to be 100-500Å and the width of the fin structure to be 100-1000Å, since it has been held that where the general condition of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233. (1955)

Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Acovic.

Acovic discloses an EEPROM (Figs. 2 and 3) which contain a substrate, an insulating layer (10) formed on substrate that comprises a buried oxide layer, a silicon fin structure (12) formed on the insulating layer and having a first and second side surface, a first polysilicon spacer (22) formed adjacent to the first side surface and acting as a first floating gate, a second polysilicon spacer (22) formed adjacent to the second side surface and acting as a second floating gate, a gate dielectric layer (24) formed on the first and second spacer and the top of the fin structure, a first gate (26) (formed on the right side of the fin) formed on the insulating layer and disposed on the first side of the fin and a second gate (26) (formed on the left side of the fin) formed on the second side of the fin and electrically isolated from each other and are programmed independently of each other, an oxide layer (20) formed on the first and second side surfaces of the fin and acting as a tunnel oxide layer with a width of 70 Angstroms, source and drain regions (Fig. 3) formed on insulating layer and disposed adjacent to the first and second side of the fin structure and a nitride/oxide dielectric cap (14/16) formed over a top surface of the fin structure. Acovic discloses all the limitations except for the width ranges of the first and second spacers and fin. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the width of the oxide layer to be 10-100Å, the first and second spacers width to be 100-500Å and the width of the fin structure to be 100-1000Å, since it has been held that where the general condition of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233. (1955)

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9,14 and 17-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

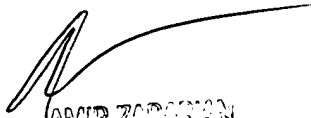
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kiesha L. Rose whose telephone number is 571-272-1844. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00 off 2nd Mondays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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